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## RUSSIA IS PROVOKING DARDANELLES DISPUTE

### BRITISH SHIPS TAMPERED WITH

### Steamer Seized By Russia In Red Sea.

### No Actual War News But a Battle Is Expected Soon.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 18.—The Russian guardship Tchernomoretz has passed the Bosphorus.

LONDON, July 18.—The press urges the Government to take action regarding the passing of the Dardanelles by Russian volunteer steamers.

The Russian guardship Tchernomoretz, described in naval registers as "an old vessel having no fighting value," is a warship of about the same class as the Koresitz which was destroyed in the Battle of Chemulpo. The vessel was built in 1887, is of 1230 tons, has a single screw and a sea speed of only ten knots. She is armed with two 8-inch guns, one 6-inch, one 4-inch, and six guns of various calibers. As a guard ship her business might be as a scout or an experiment and being of little value could be risked in an endeavor to learn if the Turkish forts at the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles would fire on a Russian fleet if it should leave its base at Sebastopol, Black Sea, and passing by Constantinople and through the Sea of Marmora to the Mediterranean thus be free to join the Russian fleet in the Orient.

Existing treaties provide that the Russian warships shall not leave the Black Sea by this route and as this is the only route the Russian vessels are bottled up there and useless so far as the Russo-Japanese war is concerned.

The famous Dardanelles form a long, tortuous and narrow passage, swept by a strong current. Their average width is only two miles and at the narrowest point the channel is only one thousand yards broad. The land on either side is covered with forts and forms a magnificent defense for Constantinople from the sea and the only danger to the capital would be in allowing war vessels to get through and then take the city which is exposed on the shore of the Sea of Marmora.

Centuries ago the Turks realized the importance of the Dardanelles and accordingly took steps to fortify their position there. As early as 1453 forts were built and they have been replaced with modern armament frequently since that time.

Back in 1809 England recognized the Sultan's right to exclude the warships of foreign nations from the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus, but it was not until 1841 that the other great powers joined with her. Fearful of Russian influence in the Ottoman empire England, France, Prussia and Austria began to take an active interest in the Eastern situation. The result of their intervention was a treaty between them, Turkey and Russia, drawn up in 1840 and 1841 by which all the powers agreed to observe the right of the Porte to exclude from the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus the warships of foreign nations. This principle was reaffirmed in the Treaty of Paris in 1856 and has been reaffirmed by the powers in every treaty drawn up between them since.

The United States was not a party to any of these treaties and had always maintained its right to send men-of-war through the straits. In 1856 the U. S. frigate Wabash ran through the straits, past the forts, and up to Constantinople, the commander claiming his right to do so since his government was not a party to the treaties. The Porte received him in a not unfriendly manner but did not abate the Turkish claim to exclude the war vessels of all nations.

### DEAINING AND SEIZING VESSELS BY RUSSIA.

ADEN, July 18.—The Russians have detained and searched the British vessel Warpari.

They have also seized the steamer Malacia in the Red Sea on



BRINGING IN RUSSIAN PRISONERS.

## CHICAGO STRIKERS BECOME RIOTOUS

### Disastrous Chilian Flood—Chicago Heat Victims—Accident at Ball Game—The Democratic Campaign.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

CHICAGO, July 18.—The meat-cutting strikers attacked the non-Unionists and seven persons were injured.

Extreme heat prevails here, from which there have been three deaths and a score of prostrations.

### NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMANSHIP.

NEW YORK, July 18.—There will be a conference of Democratic leaders today to choose a National Chairman. Ex-Senator Davis of West Virginia, the vice-presidential nominee, will be present.

### BASEBALL SPECTATORS HURT.

CLEVELAND, O., July 18.—At a baseball match here yesterday a platform bearing two hundred spectators collapsed and a score of persons were injured.

the ground that she was carrying supplies for Japan.

No steamer Malacia is listed in shipping registers but this vessel may be the British steamer Malacca, 2616 tons, which arrived at Antwerp from London on June 12, loaded a large cargo of Holland goods and then sailed for the Orient.

### BATTLE SOON EXPECTED.

LONDON, July 18.—War advices represent the situation as unchanged. A battle is expected soon.

## UNWIELDY PRECINCTS SHOULD BE DIVIDED

### First and Eighth of Fourth District, and Seventh of the Fifth Cover Too Much Ground—Work of Registration Boards.

Within six weeks the work of registering the voters of the islands will commence and lists will be prepared of persons eligible to vote at the November elections. The various registration boards will begin their duties on September 1 and keep the books open until October 14.

The matter of registration in Honolulu brings up the important question of whether or not some of the big, unwieldy precincts in both the Fourth and Fifth Districts should be divided for the sake of expediting voting and giving every qualified voter the opportunity of casting his ballot.

One of the districts which party workers are of the opinion should be divided is the First of the Fourth District. This precinct now takes in the Koko Head end of the island from Waiata to Punahou street, including Waiata, Moiliili, Waikiki, Punahou, Pawaa, Manoa and College Hills. The voting has usually taken place at Cummins' place on King street, Pawaa. The distances travelled over in this precinct to reach the voting booth are said to be too great under present circumstances and should be cut down at least by half.

Another precinct said to be too large is the Eighth of the Fourth District. Sometime since the Second precinct was divided into what are now known as the Second and the Eighth precincts. The Eighth is still considered to be too large. It takes in the section from Piikoi street to Alakea street, and from the top of the mountain ridge to the sea, which includes a large section of Makiki, Kewalo and Kakaako. In the two elections already held in this precinct there was trouble in keeping the voting going ahead that all might vote.

The Fourth precinct, Fourth District, is another section having a mass of voters and the suggestion is made that it should be divided. The last registration gave the Fourth precinct about 800 voters.

The Seventh precinct of the Fifth District is also a cumbersome section. There has always been trouble there,

and it has become known as the "Fighting Seventh." All the voters cannot cast their ballots in the time allotted.

The registration board for Oahu was composed of Judge Lindsay, W. J. Coelho and M. A. Gonsalves. The latter's commission expired July 12. Coelho is now on Maui, although his commission does not expire until 1905. Judge Lindsay took the place vacated by Lorrin Andrews when the latter became Attorney General.

As to whether Judge Lindsay can hold the office of registrar and that of police magistrate has not been discussed, but as the Acting Governor has appointed W. T. Rawlins as Second District Magistrate, it is proposed that during the sessions of the Board of Registration Judge Lindsay can preside, vacating the office of First District Magistrate for Honolulu, for the time being, Mr. Rawlins occupying the bench until the registration work is completed.

The name of John D. Holt has been proposed to be put on the list vice Coelho, whose residence on Maui will take him off the Oahu Board. Holt would represent the Democrats.

Under the law, when a voter makes application to register he is required to answer any question the registrars may ask him as to his qualifications, as set down in the Organic Act and election laws. This is considered to have been well enough during the days of the Republic when there were few voters to register, but at present is said to be cumbersome. At board sessions a slip is handed to the prospective voter and he fills in the forms and makes affidavit before the board that what he has stated therein is correct.

The members of the board have commissions as notaries public, and at a future time if any person is believed to have perjured himself, he can be arrested and prosecuted under that charge. After a man has registered he is permitted under the law to cast his ballot without challenge. The only way to deal with a perjurer is to prosecute him afterward on his affidavit for perjury.

### STORM AT CHILIAN CAPITAL.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, July 18.—A storm has done immense damage in this neighborhood. The lower part of the city of Valparaiso is covered with mud and water.

Just a year ago Valparaiso was visited by a terrible storm which drove many vessels in the harbor ashore, destroyed many warehouses, and caused the steamer Arequipa to founder in the harbor, considerable loss of life resulted.

### SCHOONER ZAMPA STRANDED.

ASTORIA Ore., July 18.—The schooner Zampa is ashore north of the Columbia river.

The schooner Zampa is a vessel of 385 tons register, built at Port Madison, Wash., in 1887, and is owned by James Knowland of San Francisco. She is engaged in the lumber trade.

### RUSSIAN VICE-GOVERNOR MURDERED.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 18.—The Vice Governor of Elizabethpol has been assassinated.

Elizabethpol is a town in Trans-Caucasia near Tiflis, where serious political troubles occurred last year in connection with the Armenian question.

### HEARST'S IOWA MANAGER REBELS.

DES MOINES, July 18.—A. W. Maxwell, Hearst's manager for Iowa, repudiates Judge Parker, the Democratic presidential nominee.